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Enrolment of the Disadvantaged in Higher Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is finding it difficult to ensure sustained enrolment of socially disadvantaged students in higher education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a sharp dip in the rate of growth in enrolment of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) students in higher education over the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government so that universities can take affirmative action to retain them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): The annual All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) captures social category-wise data on Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher education in India. The latest such survey was conducted for the year 2015-16. Category-wise GER for the years from 2012-13 to 2015-16 as reported in respective annual AISHE has indicated a gradual rise in the GER for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in Higher Education. The details of GER registered in respect of SC and ST category students for the years 2012-13 to 2015-16 are as under:
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Year Gross Enrolment Ratio (in %)
National SCs STs
2012-13 21.5 16.0 11.1
2013-14 23.0 17.1 11.3
2014-15 24.3 19.1 13.7
2015-16 24.5 19.9 14.2
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(d): Does not arise in view of the above.